

MINUTES
McLEAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING – MAY 11, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Powell, Bowers, Buchanan, Ginzburg, Kerber, Naour, Owens, Reece, Tello, and Turley

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Howe, Anderson K, Anderson T, Aune, Beavers, Coverston Anderson, Dreyer, and Voss

CALL TO ORDER: Powell called the Board of Health meeting to order at 5:34 p.m., with no corrections to the agenda.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Phylis VerSteegh, 377 Board Member; Edith Brady Lunny, Pantagraph; and Jessica Woods, Asst. States Attorney

MINUTES: Powell requested approval for the minutes of March 9, 2016.

Owens /Buchanan moved and seconded the minutes of March 9, 2016. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Bills to be Paid

		<u>March 2016</u>	<u>April 2016</u>
Health Dept	112-61	\$205,570.25	\$179,345.83
Dental Sealant	102-61	23,894.99	29,214.06
WIC	103-61	13,976.92	7,113.03
Prev Health	105-61	4,581.77	2,432.02
Family Case	106-61	43,416.45	22,590.90
AIDS/CD	107-61	10,706.23	7,046.00

Tello/Kerber moved and seconded the Consent Agenda as printed. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

STAFF REPORTS: Coverston Anderson reported for the Community Health Services Division and explained the report was on pages 8 through 11 in the packet. She noted the department has been dealing with mumps cases during April and May and explained that with a slight increase in cases during April the outbreak has not concluded.

Coverston Anderson explained Zika activity during the first quarter of the year and a conference call with stakeholders who handle international travel to share CDC and IDPH recommendations. Health Department staff continues to field calls regarding testing and providing documents to health care providers such as OB/GYNs. Reece inquired if the department was doing testing for Zika. Coverston Anderson explained the department doesn't but it coordinates the testing, using the protocols provided by both IDPH and CDC; clients will be referred to their healthcare provider for specimen collection and the department will be involved with follow-up and monitoring.

Coverston Anderson directed the Board to packet page 11, which gave Health Promotion activity numbers for the first quarter of the year. She explained that the staff of four has been very busy with over 1300 contacts, five grants, and the activities of the County Wellness program.

Coverston Anderson spoke about the IPLAN/Community Health Needs Assessment Collaboration. She explained about the newly formed McLean County Community Health Council and the review process to determine the top health priorities for McLean County for the next 3 to 5 year period. The top 3 health priorities were identified to be: 1. appropriate access to health care; 2. behavioral health; and 3. obesity. In April, stakeholders identified high level goals for each priority. A report summarizing the health needs assessment and outlining the overall goals will be written in May and June, and presented to each of the Boards, represented in the steering group, in July for Board approval. They include OSF, Advocate BroMenn, MCHD, and United Way.

Tello inquired about the length of time the goals would be in place. Coverston Anderson stated three years. Bowers inquired about the meaning of appropriate access to healthcare. Aune explained that issue is being explored. It had been noted there is a disparity issue between zip code areas, race, age groups and efforts to reduce ER visits versus having a primary care physician.

Anderson K, reported for the Maternal Child Health Services Division stating that the report was on packet pages 12 through 15. As a follow up from the last meeting she shared WIC caseloads nationwide are down 4.9% comparing rates from October 2015 to October 2014. In Illinois, during the same time period, the Illinois caseload was down 13.5%. McLean County WIC, falls between the two figures at 7.6%. Anderson K stated that the WIC program supervisor continues to monitor the situation and currently they are looking at partnering with Head Start to offer WIC services to their clients which would be eligible for services.

Anderson K was happy to note that Tammy Brooks, WIC program supervisor, has been requested to present at the National WIC Association annual conference, presenting on the Grocery Store Tour program. This is a 90 minute breakout session and will include nutritionist, Sara Stark who conducted most of the grocery tour programs.

Anderson K stated that the Family Case Management program began screening pregnant women for exposure to the Zika virus in March. Those clients with a recent travel history are being referred to their obstetrician.

Anderson K reported that DHS program reviews were conducted for both the Family Case Management and HealthWorks programs. The reviewer for the FCM program was happy to see 100% of the charts had a depression screening for postpartum women and noted much improvement from last year in the Medical Case Management of the HealthWorks program. The final report for both programs is expected in the next week.

Anderson K explained that FCM is collaborating with the OSF Care Management team to improve health outcomes for FCM clients with chronic physical or mental health diagnoses. She explained that this is already being done for BBO participants with ongoing medical issues.

Buchanan inquired about the program service numbers for the AOK program. Anderson K explained that the lack of State budget has impacted AOK sponsored events.

Anderson T reported for the Environmental Health Division noting that the report was on packet pages 16 through 19 and reviewed several program numbers explaining that with the warmer temperatures, program activity is busy. The Geothermal program has been

busy and Anderson T felt it could be related to a tax rebate incentive.

The West Nile Virus program is causing staff to watch the weather for mosquito activity. Mosquitoes prefer warmer temperatures at night, around 55 degrees. The intern hired to conduct mosquito testing will begin the middle of the month. The State lab has delayed bird testing due to a lack of a negotiated contract with testing laboratories. Concerns about the Zika virus and when and if it will show up in Central Illinois have been expressed. IDPH is providing information regarding the possibility of the Aedes species mosquito's ability to transmit the Zika virus within Illinois.

Reece inquired about the number of traps set for mosquito surveillance and how many mosquitoes are trapped. Anderson T explained that this year there will be six traps, reduced from eight traps in previous years, and that they are placed in densely populated areas. In prior years, one trap averages over 300 mosquitoes overnight.

Beavers reported for the Behavioral Health program and noted that the quarterly reports were on pages 20 through 22, sharing that during the first quarter 5,746 individuals obtained behavioral health services through programs funded by the 553 Board. Beavers stated that May is Mental Health Awareness Month and this month there will be a Mental Health First Aid training for nurses and included on page 23 in the packet is a copy of a brochure for the, Connecting the Dots, a panel presentation being held on May 19, 2016 at Normal Public Library from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Dreyer reported for the Administration Division and noted that the quarterly reports were on packet pages 25 through 28. Dreyer explained that as of March 31st, 11.25% of the budgeted revenue had been collected compared to 5.10% in 2015. She noted the amount was low because property tax revenue hadn't been collected yet.

Dreyer stated that expenses as of March 31st were at 19.92% of the budget and was less than projected for the end of the first quarter and almost level where the department was at this time in 2015.

Tello inquired about the lack of State budget and if there was a problem making payroll. Howe explained that the County works on an accrual accounting system and it appears that the resources are there. However, if there isn't a State budget by June 30th, it may be a different story.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Items will be addressed below.

OLD BUSINESS: Howe directed the Board to Attachment I and asked Beavers to give an update explaining the Streamline Health Care Solutions Web Based Health Service program. Beavers stated that a motion was needed to approve purchasing the program at an anticipated cost of \$25,730 and the cost would be allocated between both the 553 Board and the 377 Board.

Owens wanted to assure that IT verified that they wouldn't be able to provide the information. Beavers stated that IT was involved in the decision process and couldn't support the needs to streamline coordination.

Reece inquired about the 377 Board sharing in the cost. Beavers explained the cost sharing. Buchanan inquired about the 377 Board taking action. Beavers noted the 377 Board took action at the last meeting.

Buchanan inquired if this delay in purchasing the program puts the Behavioral Health program behind schedule. Beavers explained that yes, but the agencies are aware of the delay and are also waiting to hear more about the State budget.

Tello inquired about the next step. Beavers replied there will be a schedule made so that Board members and agencies can be trained. Tello inquired about

timelines for funding. Beavers hopes to have application and funding decisions by September for Board approval.

Buchanan/Tello moved and seconded staff the authority to expend funds to Streamline Healthcare Solutions, L.L.C. Motion carried.

Powell requested approval for the Amendment(s) to the By-Laws of the McLean Co Board of Health as explained in Attachment J. Powell explained the change in Article III, #1, which removes the office of Vice President. The officers for the Board of Health shall be President and Secretary, holding election prior to the end of each operating fiscal year. Another amendment was to remove #4 from Article XI, Committees.

Reece/Bowers moved and seconded the amendments to the Board of Health By-Laws, which include removing the office of Vice President, holding election prior to the end of each operating fiscal year, and removing the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Powell stated pursuant to the amendments approved to the Board of Health Bylaws an election of officers, to serve a term until the ensuing fiscal year, needed to take place. She requested nominations from the floor to serve July 1st to the end of December and to elect new officers in November.

Powell asked for nominations from the floor for the office of President. Tello nominated Judy Buchanan to the office of President. There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Tello/Owens moved and seconded the nomination of Judy Buchanan to the office of President of the Board of Health effective July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. Motion carried.

Powell asked for nominations from the floor for the office of Secretary. Turley nominated Sonja Reece to the office of Secretary. There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Turley/Owens moved and seconded the nomination of Sonja Reece to the office of Secretary of the Board of Health effective July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. Motion carried.

Howe requested approval for the 2015 through 2019 Strategic Plan. Aune distributed copies of the Strategic Plan Board of Health comments, a draft copy of the Strategic Plan, and the Ten Essential Public Health Services Definitions. A review of the process took place noting that the plan started with the Environmental Scan in 2013 and was followed by the SWOT analysis. Staff took the strategies and explored new strategies along with the development of associated action steps. As a reminder, Aune noted that a draft copy was presented to the Board in August of 2015 and feedback was obtained.

A quick review of the Ten Essential Public Health Services Definitions was also presented noting that this is the framework routinely used by local health departments in formulating strategic plans.

After review of the plan and discussion it was decided to incorporate changes and review again by the Board for final approval in July.

Buchanan/Reece moved and seconded to table the approval of the 2015 through 2019 Strategic Plan until the July 13, 2016, Board meeting. Motion carried.

Howe requested approval for the grant amendment from the Illinois Department of Public Health for the FY16 Dental Sealant Grant. Funding for this grant is used to purchase dental sealant grant services from Orland Park Dental Services (OPDS) for the application of dental sealants to select permanent molars for targeted non-Medicaid eligible students. It is anticipated the additional \$5,000 will be used to provide approximately 237 sealants to 80 eligible children. This amendment increases the total grant from \$8,600 to \$13,600.

Owens/Buchanan moved and seconded the approval for the grant amendment from IDPH for the FY16 Dental Sealant Grant. Motion carried.

Howe stated that with the approval of the IDPH FY16 Dental Sealant Grant, approval was needed for the FY16 contract amendment with Orland Park Dental Services (OPDS). The MCHD reimburses OPDS for examinations and sealants provided to eligible non-Medicaid students based upon a negotiated twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount specified by IDPH. This amendment increases the total contract amount from \$2,000 to a maximum of \$3,250.

Bowers/Tello moved and seconded the approval for the FY16 contract amendment with Orland Park Dental Services. Motion carried.

Howe explained that included in the packet was two memos regarding State Budget Impasse. The first was the Illinois Public Health Association results of the most recent survey of local health departments in Illinois on the impact of the nine months of budget impasse on local public health. Results indicate that 80% of responding health departments reported some impact of the budget impasse. Health departments were considered impacted if they reported any of the following: a change in the number of FTE's in their work force, lay-offs, furloughs, a reduction in the length of the work week, or a change in the number of hours that the health department is "open for business". Fifty-one local health departments responded to the survey. All seven of IDPH's administrative regions are represented in the survey.

In regards to the second memo, Howe commented on the Jackson County Health Department press release contained in the packet, indicating that their board of health voted to cut department hours and cease operations on Fridays as a result of financial pressures on the organization as a result of the nine-month budget impasse. This news release and information contained in Attachment E reflect the fact that the public health system is in a state of crisis. Howe explained that locally we are still monitoring local mumps cases, we are preparing for West Nile Virus and possible Zika Virus surveillance reporting, continuing restaurant inspections, regulation of potable water, monitor safe sewage disposal, continue the provision of a long list of client services from dental to maternal child health to immunizations. We also must continually be on guard and prepared to respond to an emergency response situation that could stem from a natural disaster like tornado or flood to a viral, chemical, biologic crisis. Emergency response takes time, manpower, expertise, and planning. Those are not luxuries, but necessities of a sound public health system. Unfortunately, each time we take our eye off the ball and dismantle a piece of the public health system, we erode our capacity to respond.

NEW BUSINESS: Howe requested approval for the University of Illinois, Board of Trustees Contract, for all clinic lab services being provided to clients served at the MCHD, including all STI and HIV services. The MCHD will reimburse U of I Professional Healthcare for lab services at the identified rates provided. MCHD will then bill responsible party, either third-party insurance or the client for all services, including provided lab costs. Previously, services were provided by Quest and the State Lab. The services at U of I will provide a 50% savings and was the best explored lab.

Ginzburg/Buchanan moved and seconded the approval for the University Of Illinois, Board of Trustees Contract, for all clinic lab services for clients served at MCHD. Motion carried.

Howe shared the IDPH News Release announcing that ten Illinois residents have recently been diagnosed with infections caused by a strain of *Elizabethkingia anopheles*. Six of the ten individuals identified with the infection have died. The strain appearing so far in Illinois is slightly different than the one infecting 56 individuals in Wisconsin. *Elizabethkingia* is a genus of bacteria commonly found in the environment worldwide and has been detected in soil, river water and reservoirs. This is another new bacterial infection that LHD's are being asked to investigate and develop ways to prevent additional infections.

Howe explained that an article out of the *New England Journal of Medicine* on Tobacco 21 laws examines the effectiveness of the implementation of such laws, implies that where these laws have been put into effect they appear to be enjoying very high levels of public support, and have minimum economic impact in the short term. As expected, tobacco lobbies have been working to derail such legislative proposals, but local and state efforts have succeeded in extending Tobacco 21 protections to more than 16 million Americans. This becomes a policy issue for board of health, whether to endorse broader support for such legislation. Howe further stated that in Illinois, the laws will include electronic cigarettes.

BOARD ISSUES: There was a discussion about the director's evaluation and review. Powell stated once she received the requested information from the Board, the evaluation will be finished and reviewed with the director. Buchanan wanted to make sure the Board would be able to receive a summary of the evaluation along with the strengths, weaknesses, and future goals.

Owens brought up the email sent to Board members by Chairman McIntyre of the County Board. A discussion of the particulars was shared. Chairman McIntyre wanted the Board to request that Howe withdraw his support for SB386.

Howe explained that he was contacted by IPHA, as the co-chair of the Legislative and Policy Committee to testify about SB386.

Some members of the Board found the situation offensive and micro-managing the director. They felt that the situation should have been clarified by the County Chairman as to the opposition and rationale. There was a consensus by the Board that this should be relayed to the County Chairman.

Tello presented a plaque and certificate, to Powell for her years of service to the Board and as President. Cake was enjoyed by all. Powell thanked the Board and said she will miss her time on the Board and it was a honor.

ADJOURN: Ginzburg moved and the Board of Health meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.